

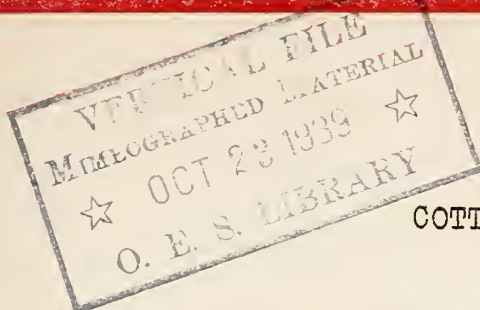
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COTTONS FOR 1939

Club girls in clothing projects may have an opportunity to see some of this season's newer cottons made up into summer dresses in traveling exhibits. The Bureau of Home Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has been studying cottons on the counter and selecting those that 4-H Club girls will enjoy making and wearing, reports, _____, _____, _____,
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Ginghams, seersuckers, nubby cottons, chevots, and slub broadcloths are all good for daytime dresses for street or sports wear. Checked ginghams are being used for town suits and shirtwaist dresses, and, in fine qualities, even for summer evening frocks. Striped and plain chambrays are also good for summer sports wear. Some of the chambrays picked out by the Bureau are for shirt or blouse tops to be made in one with plain-colored chambray skirts matching the dominant color in the waist.

There are many unusual color combinations in the ginghams and seersuckers this year - raspberry, wine, tomato, and brick, with odd greens and blues, and lovely yellows. Most of the ginghams and seersuckers can be bought at retail for 39 to 58 cents a yard.

Printed and plain voiles and lawns are in high favor for dressier afternoon wear and also for long, full evening frocks. Many of the voiles have been treated to make them crease resistant. Some of the lawns have a starchless finish so that after they are laundered they look the same as before.

Among the exhibit dresses that will go to 4-H gatherings this summer there is one of dark-blue dotted, crease-resistant voile, trimmed with a daintily tucked white front frill, collar, and cuffs. For a younger girl, there's a yellow nubby cotton jumper skirt with a dotted Swiss blouse, in yellow and red flower print. Girls will also like a white-cheviot, tailored, princess-style dress with a bolero or printed crease-resistant blue flowered linenlike cotton; and a yellow cotton-lace dress, and a full, billowy, green-blue voile party dress with puffed sleeves.

Other 1939 cottons that appealed to the Bureau's clothing specialists as practical were flowered dimities, sheer brown lacy voile with white flowers, and a fine dark-blue mercerized broadcloth suitable for underslips.

The season's white cotton fabrics include crinkled and shadow-print organdie, as well as plain organdie, dotted Swiss, eyelet embroidery, embroidered nets, and cotton lace. All these inexpensive washable cottons are in vogue for graduation and wedding dresses, and many of the old-fashioned trimmings are used in making them up - "val" lace and insertion, embroidered beading, banding, and braids.

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